



Internet Site Forms

What are the Internet Site Forms?

The AOCE (Apple Open Collaboration Environment) Internet Site and the Internet Collection forms are a supplement to the basic forms (user and group) used in PowerTalk.

These 2 new forms allow the user to save and edit information about Internet resources and access them directly from the form.

The form sends an "Apple Event" to the selected application, telling it to access the Internet information source.

Sample form:

The screenshot shows a window titled "Wired" with a "Go" button and a dropdown menu labeled "Internet Site". Below the menu is a cyan header for "HotWired" and a red and yellow "W" logo. To the right of the logo is a text box containing the text: "Wired Ventures's online presence, the future home of HotWired, new thinking for a new medium." Below this is a "Protocol:" dropdown menu set to "http" and a text field containing "www.hotwired.com".

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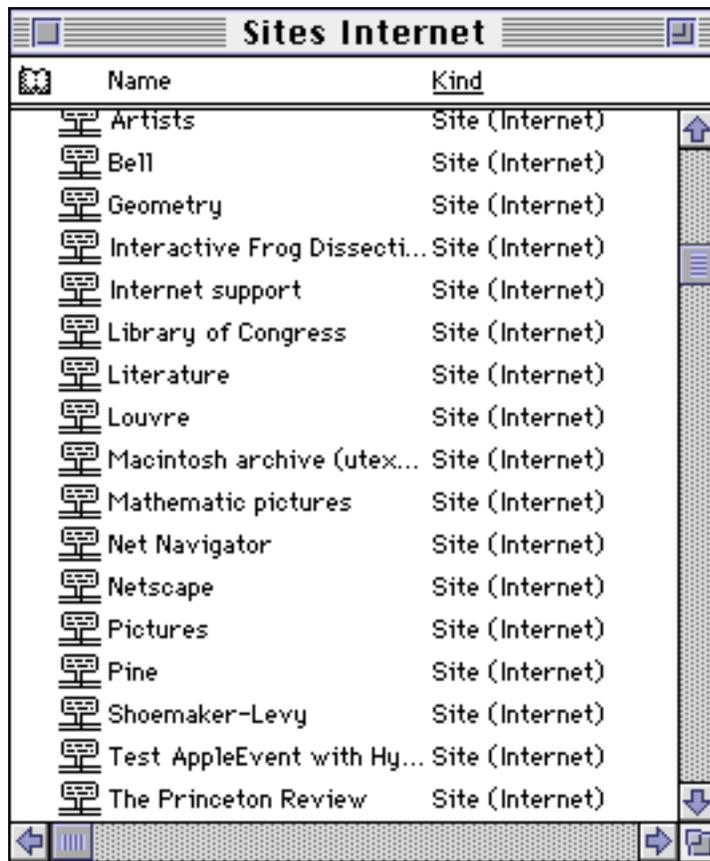
Forms Installation

To verify if PowerTalk is installed, check if you can see the mailbox icon or the catalog icon on the desktop. If neither is present, install PowerTalk as described in the System 7.5 or the System 7 Pro documentation.

To install the Internet Site and Internet Collection forms, drag them into your Extensions folder (inside your System folder). They will take effect when you restart your Mac.

Utilization

To create a new site, you must first open or create a catalog, as described in the Power Talk documentation. Once the catalog is open on the desktop, select "New Site" from the "Catalog" menu. A new site appears with the nickname "Discovery", if this name is already in use, a number is appended to it to make it unique. A sample list of Internet sites appears below:



List of some sites

You can assign a new nickname to a site, now or later, to give it an easily-remembered name when searching for it. You can also create aliases to this entry to add search keywords.

To open the site form, double-click the small icon to the left of its name. This form has 2 pages, selectable with a menu located near the top left hand corner. The first contain the name, the description and the URL to access the information, while the second contains Apple Event information to be sent to the selected application.

If you want to know more about URL's, consult the Internet Site named URL in the Internet personal catalog "Internet Sites" in this package.

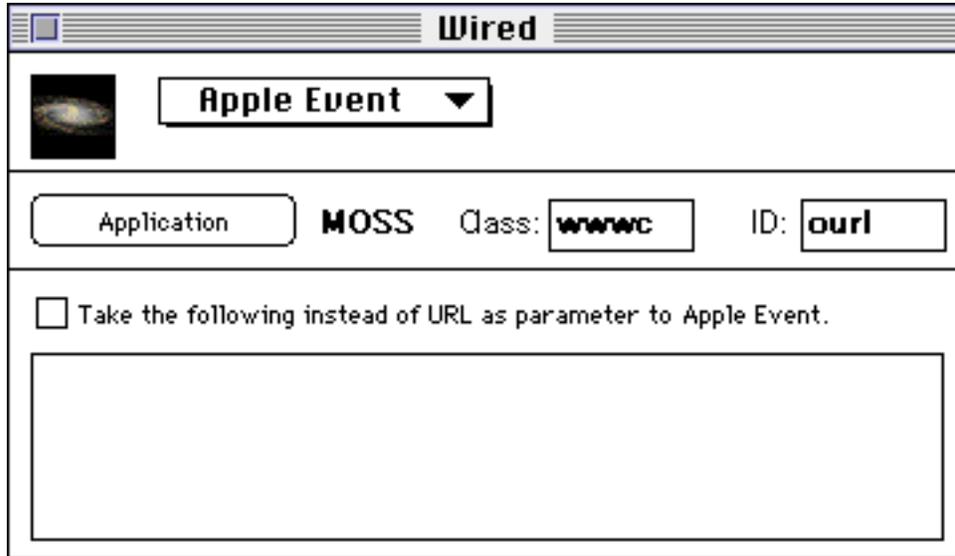
For most entries in the form, you should replace the text already there with your new text. As in conventional Macintosh text editing, to replace all of the text in a field, highlight all of it with the mouse before typing in the replacement text. For the first part of the URL select the protocol from the popup menu.

By default, the Internet Site form uses Netscape to access the site. If this application is on your startup disk you can click the go button to access the site. You can get Netscape from many sites on the Net (gatekeeper.dec.com, ftp.meer.net, archie.au).

The message type sent to Netscape is specific to this application. The message class is 'wwwc' and the message is 'our!' (Open URL). If you prefer Mosaic change the message class to 'mos!'. For the new version .93 of Netscape CLASS= GURL, ID=GURL.

The second page of the form is for Apple Events. You can set the application you want as the receiver for the Apple Event (press the Application button) and set the kind of message

(Class) and the message (ID). Consult the "AppleEvent Manager" in "Inside Macintosh VI"



The screenshot shows a window titled "Wired" with a standard Mac OS window header. Below the header is a small icon of a galaxy and a dropdown menu labeled "Apple Event". The main area of the window contains several fields: a button labeled "Application", the text "MOSS", a field labeled "Class:" containing the text "wwwc", and a field labeled "ID:" containing the text "ourl". Below these fields is a checkbox with the text "Take the following instead of URL as parameter to Apple Event." and a large empty rectangular box for input.

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The last section of this page contains a check box "Send the following instead of the URL as parameter to Apple Event." that, when checked, specifies what to send with your Apple Event.

Because the personal catalog is not hierarchical, another form type, called "Internet Collection", is available. It can be used to group your sites. Choose "New Collection" from the catalog menu to create a new collection.

If you want to access a news group, the URL is different. Because Mosaic and Netscape have the news server address in their preferences, the URL's differ. To access the comp.sys.mac.comm group, select "news" from the protocol menu and enter the group in the path field.

To search in your sites use "Find in Catalog" in the Apple Menu. Select "Internet Site" in the find popup menu, and select your Hard Disk in the in popup menu.

Problems

If the application you want to access is not on your startup disk you'll not be able to access this application. Move the Application to your startup disk.

If the memory needed to launch the selected application in your form is not available the application will not start. Quit other applications and try again.

Shortcuts

Use the arrows with the command key to turn pages in the form.